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Restraint System For Securing  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2006, and in view of the  
Advisory Action mailed April 24, 2006, Counsel for the Assignee respectfully  
submits this amendment and response for the above application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 6 of this paper.